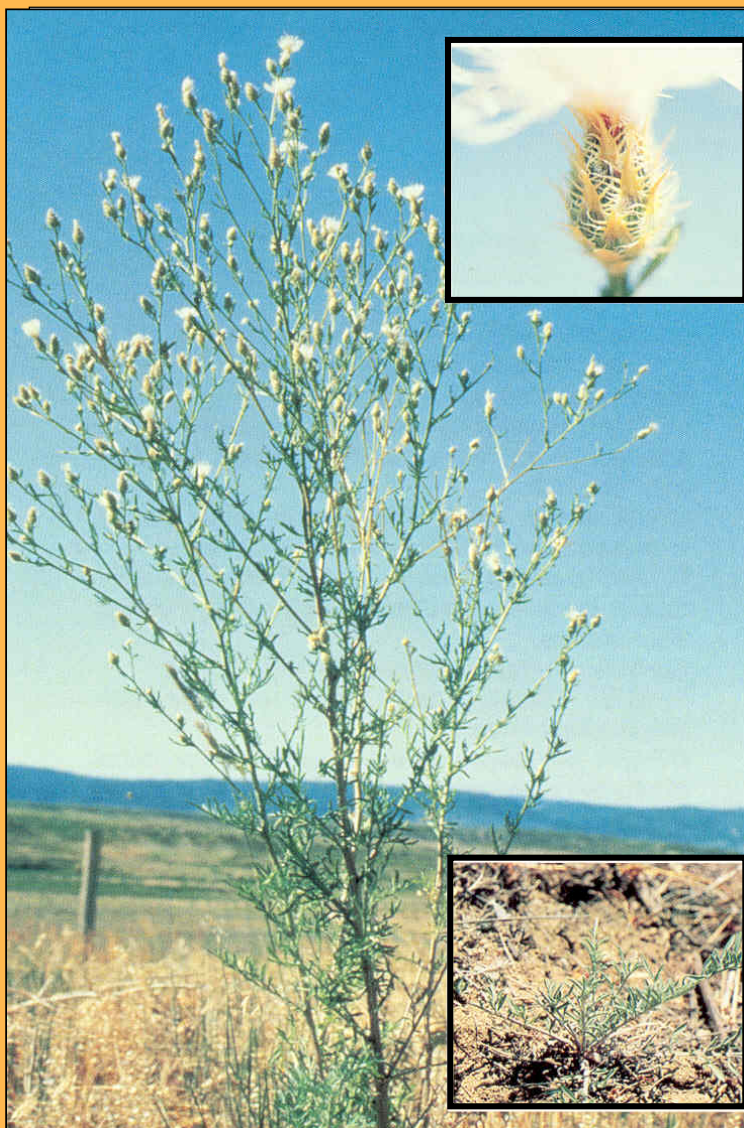


Diffuse Knapweed

(Centaurea diffusa)



NRCS has introduced a new program under the 2006 Colorado EQIP Invasive Plant Program to address this particular weed.



Features:

- Native of Europe
- A biennial or short-lived perennial forb which reproduces only by seed
- Member of the Aster family, Thistle tribe
- Grows up to 2 feet tall on a single much-branched stem
- A basal of rosette of leaves is present in young plants with each leaf divided into narrow segments
- Flowers are mostly white, sometimes purple, and are located on each branch tip
- It is widespread and increasing in the state
- Can be found in pastures, riparian areas, roadsides and waste areas in Colorado

How YOU Can Help

- ✓ Learn to identify invasive plant species in your area.
- ✓ Report sightings of invasive species to your local county or land management agency.
- ✓ Do not pick wildflowers or plants. They may be invasive species and picking them can spread their seeds.
- ✓ Check local weed lists before you buy plants for your garden or yard.
- ✓ Clean all camping gear, clothing, and shoes before leaving an area to avoid inadvertently taking seeds along with you to the next campsite.
- ✓ Always stay on designated trails when camping or hiking, avoiding weed infested areas.
- ✓ Drive only on established roads or trails away from weed infested areas.

For more information on the identification and control of noxious weeds contact your local NRCS and Conservation District Office.